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1. The Automobilfabrik der SAG für Maschinenbau in Eisenach produces passenger cars, type 3/40 BMW limousines, and motorcycles of one cylinder 350 ccm. The factory plans to build a six-passenger sedan from blueprints. This type 3/42 25X1 is made for export to western countries. The SAG administration furnished photo-static copies of the construction plans. This six-cylinder car is still in the experimental stage. Plans are ready for the production of ambulances, but a lack of special parts has so far prevented their manufacture.
2. Planned production for 1951 is 550 passenger cars and 450 motorcycles per month. The present monthly production is 450 cars and 350 motorcycles.
3. The factory employs 5,000 workers of whom an average of 700 are always absent either because of illness or because they are taking political instruction.
4. The machinery consists of compressed air hammers of two tons each, 2 tamplet presses, 14 lathes, 15 transport cranes, 8 turret lathes, and 2 assembly lines. The power is driven from two Steinmüller steam boilers with two steam turbines and three rectifiers because the plant operates on direct current. The lignite comes from the Bitterfeld mines. The plant produces 75% of its own electricity and obtains the remaining 25% from the Erfurt power station. 25X1
5. About 25% of the raw material comes from the Riesa and other steel plants production will fall off drastically as soon as raw materials are stopped. A shortage of railroad sidings has made itself felt and has reduced loading and unloading capacity.
6. The construction department is under the direction of the Russian engineer Sedelnikov who lives in Eisenach, Kappellenweg 1. The director of the factory is Zimmermann. Ernst Marke is the business manager.

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